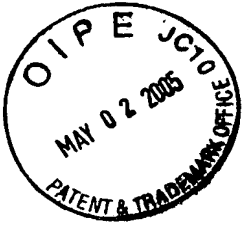


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RESPONSE OT EXAMINER'S ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed April 5, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the claims in view of the following amendments and comments as set forth below. Please amend the Application as follows.